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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 10, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on July 10, 2003, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks included below. This response is re-submitted to remedy incorrect formatting of amended claims. Please discard the earlier transmitted response.



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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended						
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	49	Minus	**	46	3	x \$18.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	***	3	0	x \$84.00
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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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